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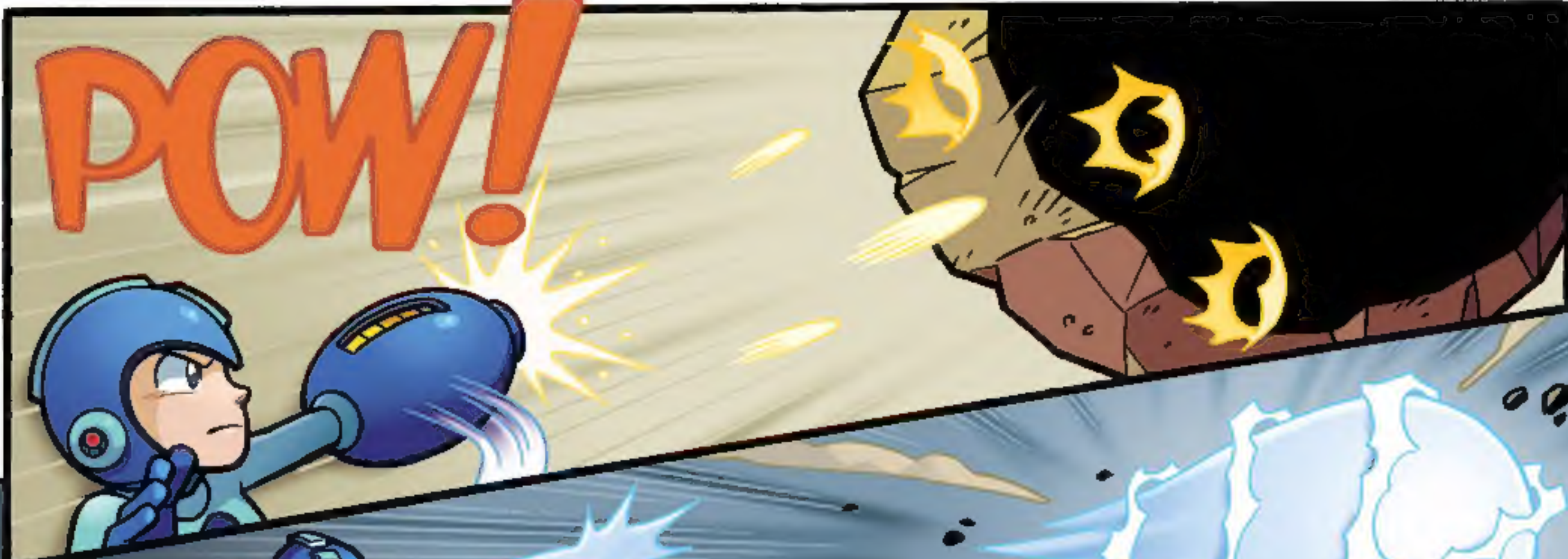
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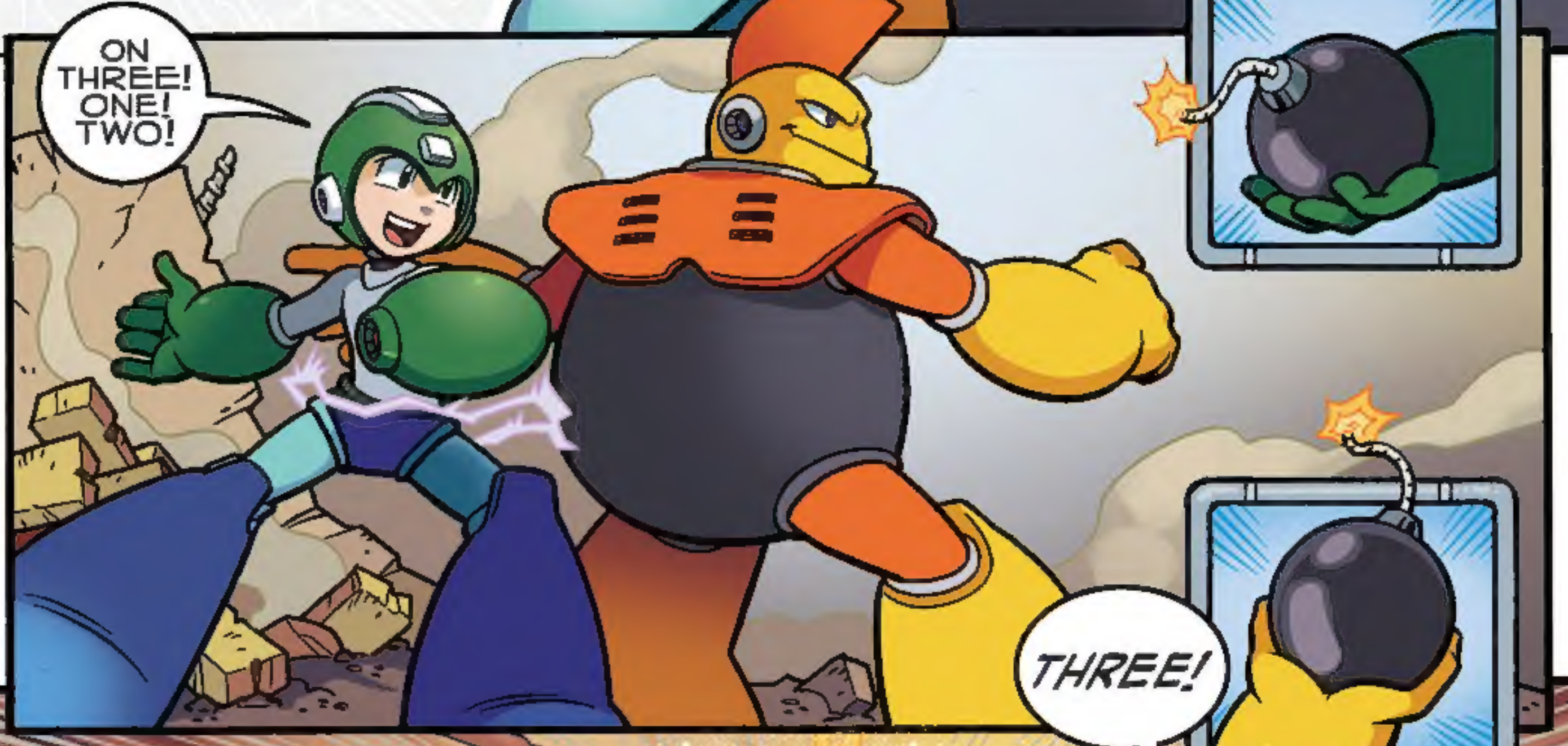
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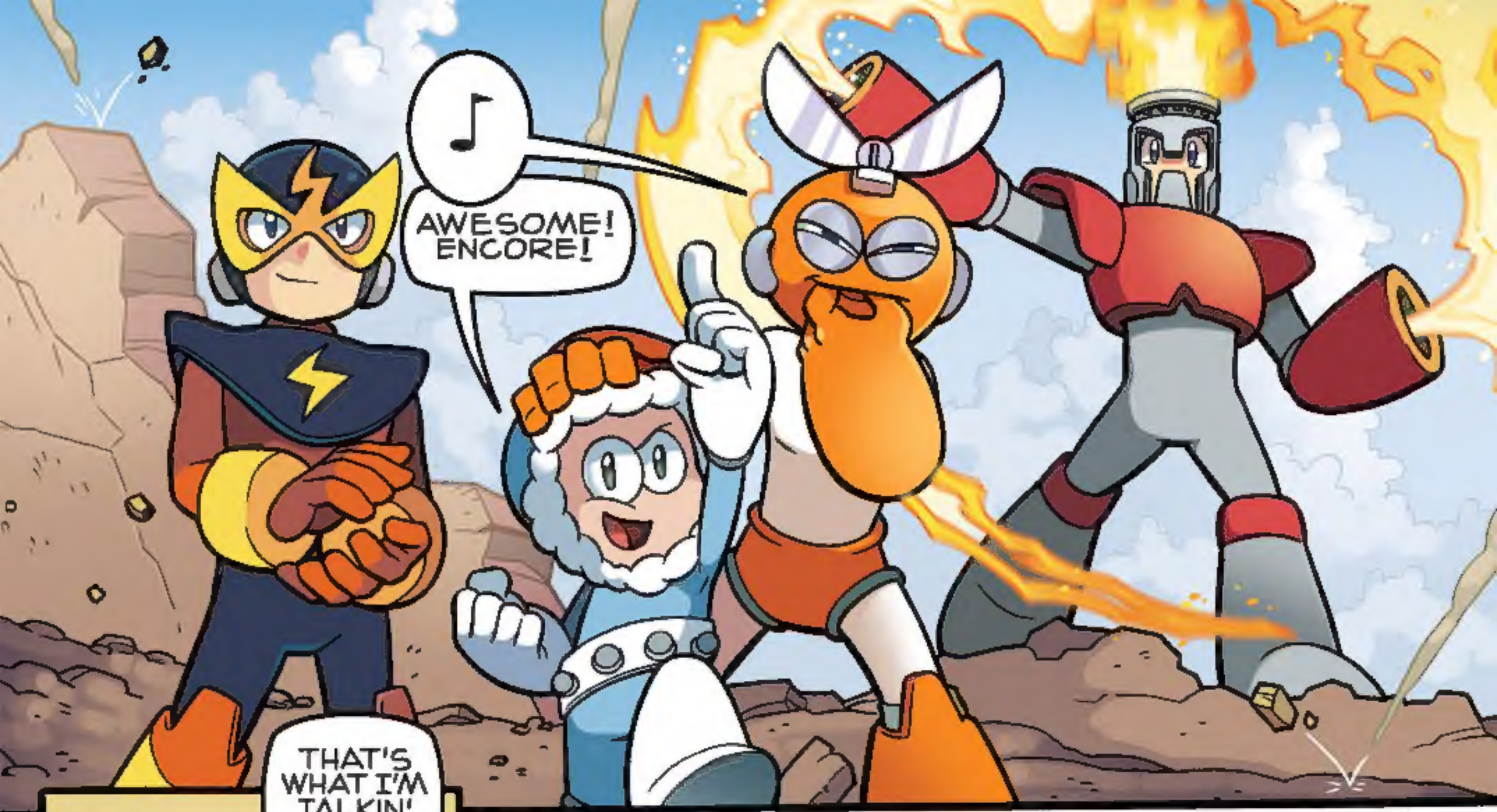












AWESOME!  
ENCORE!

THAT'S  
WHAT I'M  
TALKIN'  
'BOUT!

ARE  
YOU **BOYS**  
DONE PLAYING  
AROUND? OR DO  
I GET TO DO  
EVERYTHING  
**MYSELF?**

NICELY  
DONE!

AW, COME  
ON, ROLL! DR. WILY  
IS STOPPED! \*  
WE CAN HAVE  
**SOME PLAY**  
TIME!

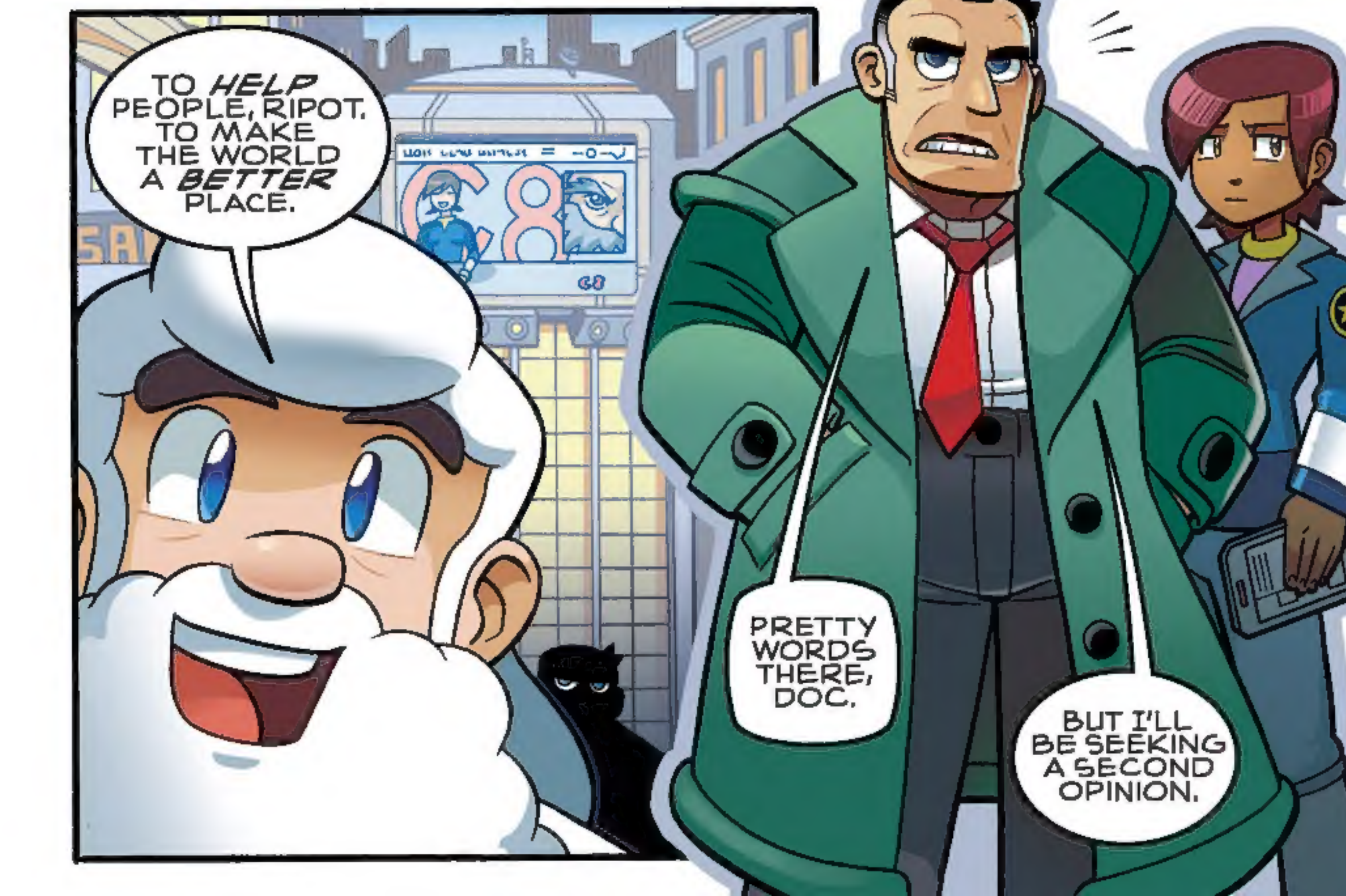
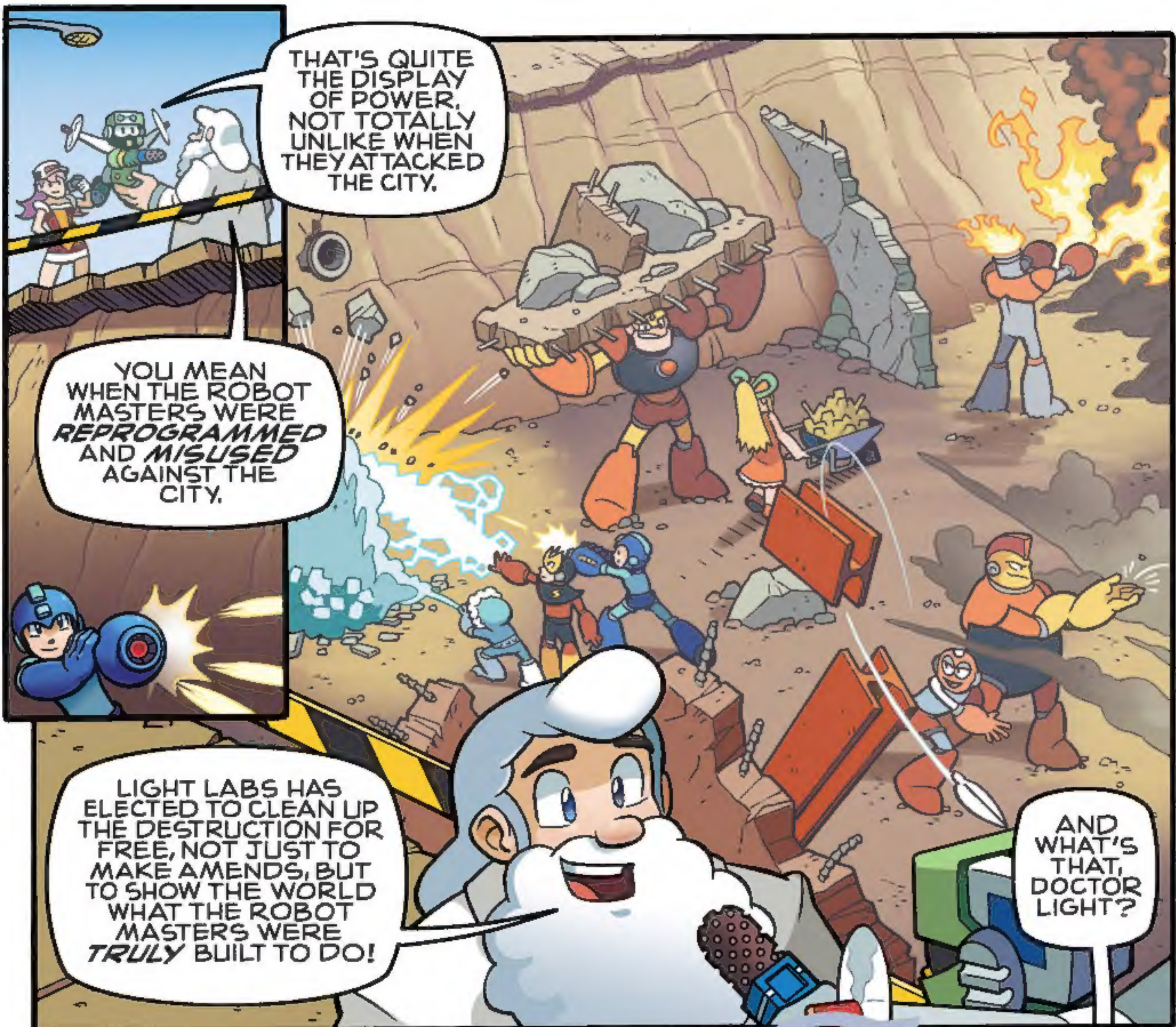
WE'RE *SUPPOSED*  
TO BE CLEANING  
THINGS UP, NOT  
MAKING A  
**BIGGER MESS!**

WE WERE  
... MAKING THE  
RUBBLE A MORE  
MANAGEABLE  
SIZE...?

UH-  
HUH.

\*LAST  
ISSUE!







CAN I HELP YOU, MISTER?

FEDERAL AGENT GILBERT D. STERN.

FEDERAL AGENT ROSLYN KRANTZ, WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH DR. LIGHT, PLEASE.

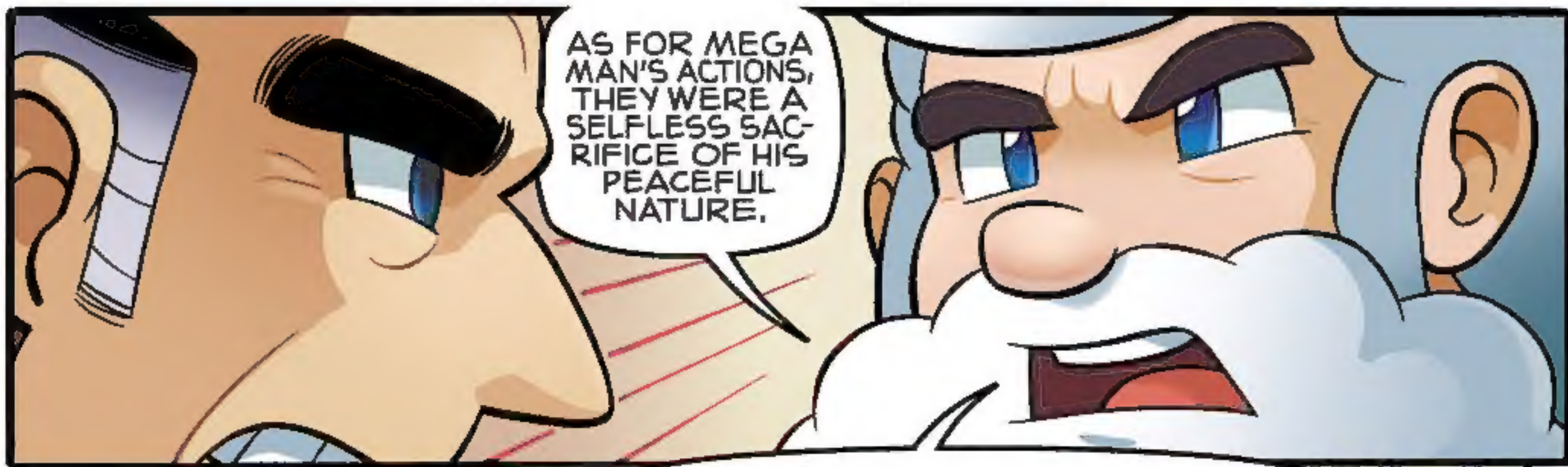
OF COURSE! I'VE BEEN AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITH ALL OF THE AUTHORITIES SINCE THE INCIDENT.

YEAH, YOU'VE BEEN REAL CUDDLY WITH THE LOCAL BRASS, ALMOST LIKE YOU GOT A GUILTY CONSCIENCE OR SOMETHIN'. I THINK IT'S KINDA *FUNNY* HOW YOUR OLD BUDDY WILY JUST *HAPPENS* TO STEAL THE ROBOTS HE HELPED YOU BUILD *RIGHT* AFTER YOU SHOW 'EM OFF... AND *YOU* JUST *HAPPEN* TO HAVE THE *ONE* ROBOT THAT CAN STOP HIM.

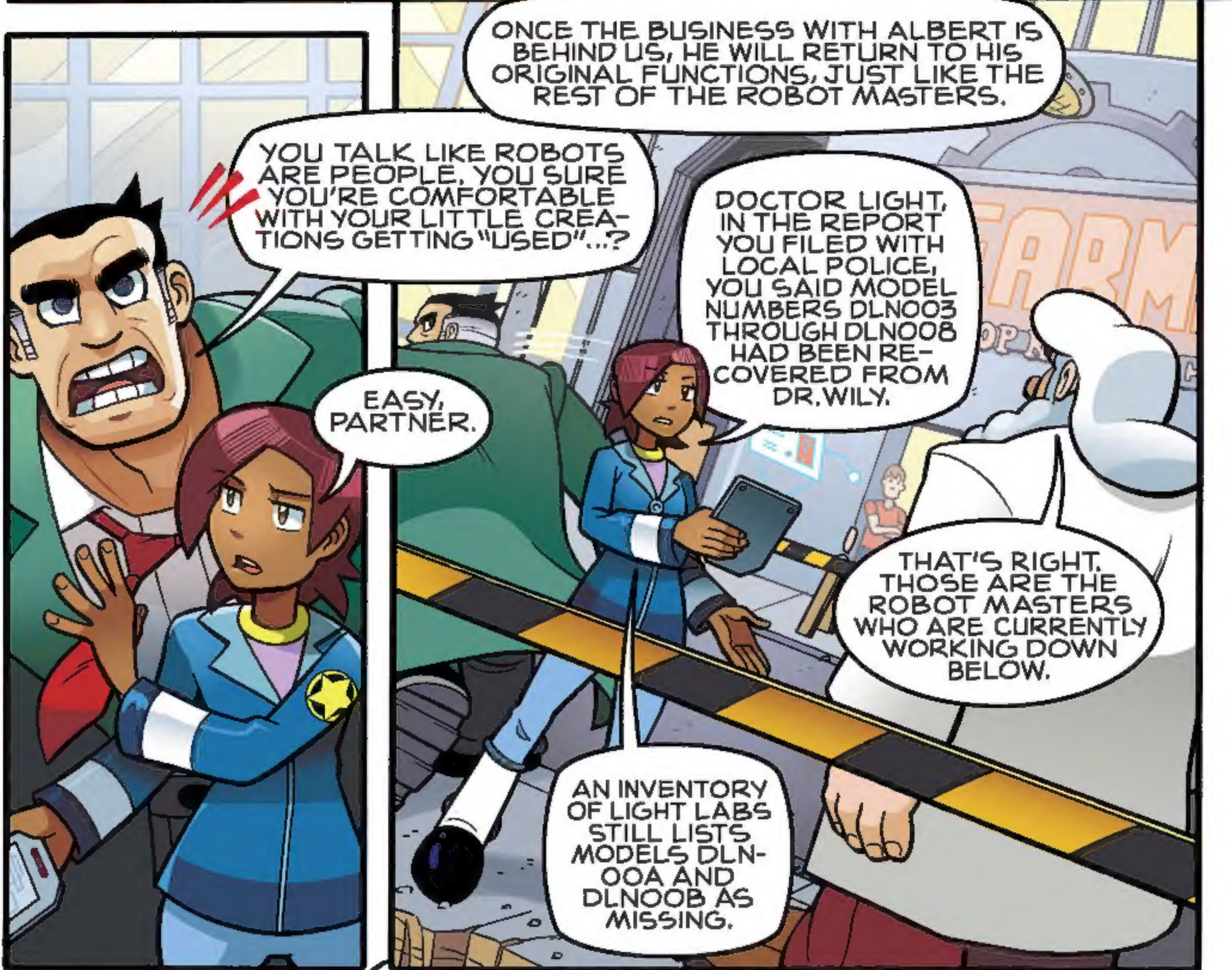
LOTS A RAZZLE-DAZZLE AND COINCIDENCE, CARE TO SPEAK ON ALL DAT?

I BELIEVE EVERYONE DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE, EVEN ALBERT. HIS CHOICE TO SQUANDER THAT, AS UNFORTUNATE AS IT WAS, WAS HIS OWN.





AS FOR MEGA MAN'S ACTIONS, THEY WERE A SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF HIS PEACEFUL NATURE.



ONCE THE BUSINESS WITH ALBERT IS BEHIND US, HE WILL RETURN TO HIS ORIGINAL FUNCTIONS, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE ROBOT MASTERS.

YOU TALK LIKE ROBOTS ARE PEOPLE, YOU SURE YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH YOUR LITTLE CREATIONS GETTING "USED" ...?

DOCTOR LIGHT, IN THE REPORT YOU FILED WITH LOCAL POLICE, YOU SAID MODEL NUMBERS DLN003 THROUGH DLN008 HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM DR. WILY.

EASY, PARTNER.

THAT'S RIGHT, THOSE ARE THE ROBOT MASTERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING DOWN BELOW.

AN INVENTORY OF LIGHT LABS STILL LISTS MODELS DLN-00A AND DLN00B AS MISSING.



AH, YES!

THOSE TWO WERE STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGES BY THE TIME OF THE UNVEILING, AND HAD BEEN LEFT IN ALBERT'S CARE. I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.



"...AND I DOUBT ALBERT IS BEING COOPERATIVE."

COUNTY  
JAIL.

GOOD,  
YOUR BEING  
HERE MEANS  
EVERYTHING  
IS GOING  
ACCORDING  
TO PLAN.

TELL HIM  
I'LL BE MOVED  
AT 2:00PM  
PRECISELY, AND  
THAT I'M MAKING  
ONE SMALL  
ADJUSTMENT TO  
THE PLAN.



"WE'LL NEED A DIVERSION!"

I'M HOPING I CAN APPEAL TO HIM ONE LAST TIME WHEN MEGA MAN AND I JOIN THE ESCORT CONVOY. SADLY, I DOUBT HE'LL LISTEN TO ME.

YEAH, YEAH, I WEEP FOR YA, BUT IF YOU TWO WERE IN CA-HOOTS, YOU CAN HAVE A PERMANENT SLEEP-OVER IN FEDERAL PRISON.

YOU'RE A BETTER FRIEND THAN THAT CREEP DESERVES, DOCTOR.

I ASSURE YOU, AGENT STERN, I AM A MAN OF PEACE AND A CREATOR OF TRANQUILITY.

**FWOOSH!**

**AAAAAA  
AAAAAH!**

**KABOOOM!**

ROCK LIGHT!  
I'LL TEAR YOU DOWN TO YOUR SERVOS!

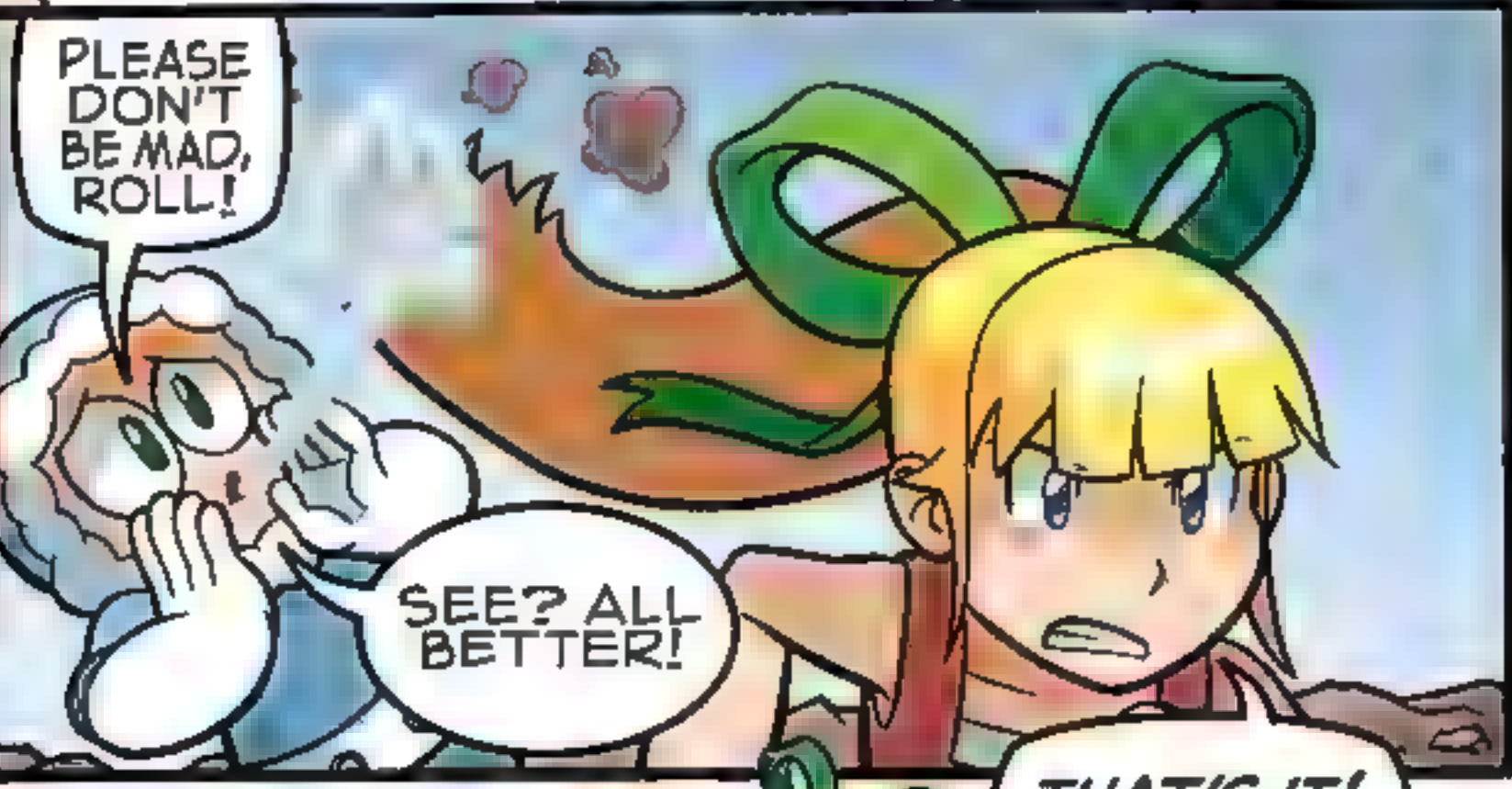




I'M-SORRY-  
I'M-SORRY-  
I'M-SORRY!  
IT WAS AN  
ACCIDENT!

ACTUALLY,  
I SET YOUR  
HAIR ON FIRE.

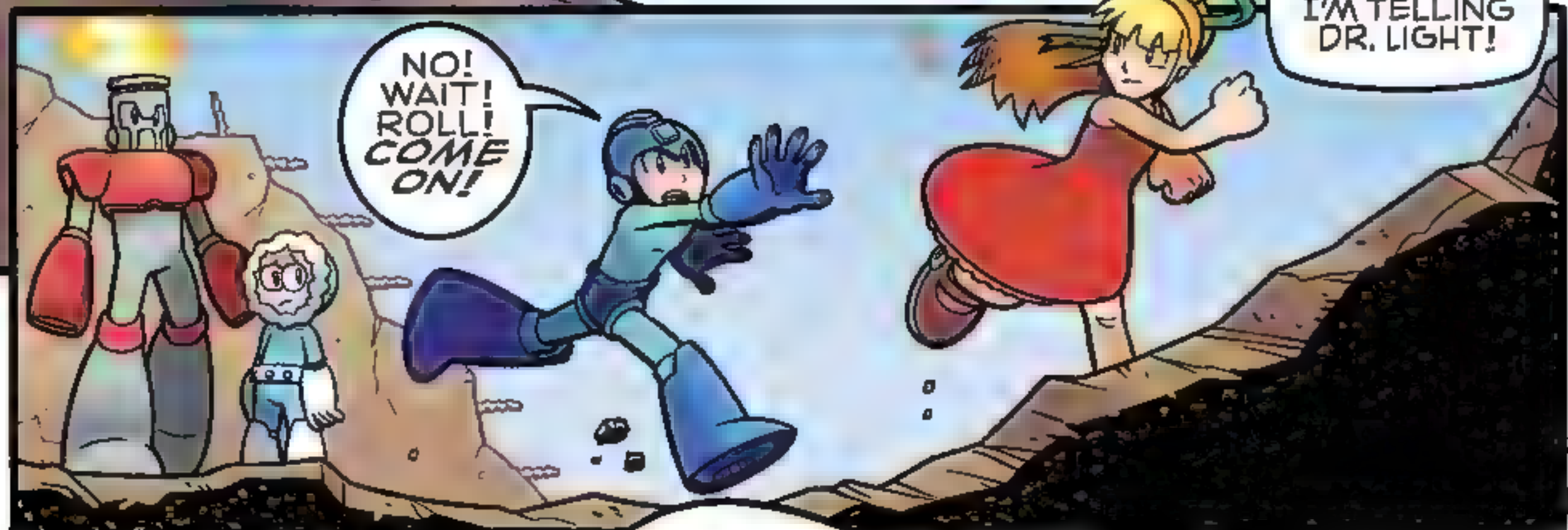
MEGA MAN  
IS INNOCENT  
OF THAT MUCH,  
AT LEAST.



PLEASE  
DON'T  
BE MAD,  
ROLL!

SEE? ALL  
BETTER!

THAT'S IT!  
I'M TELLING  
DR. LIGHT!



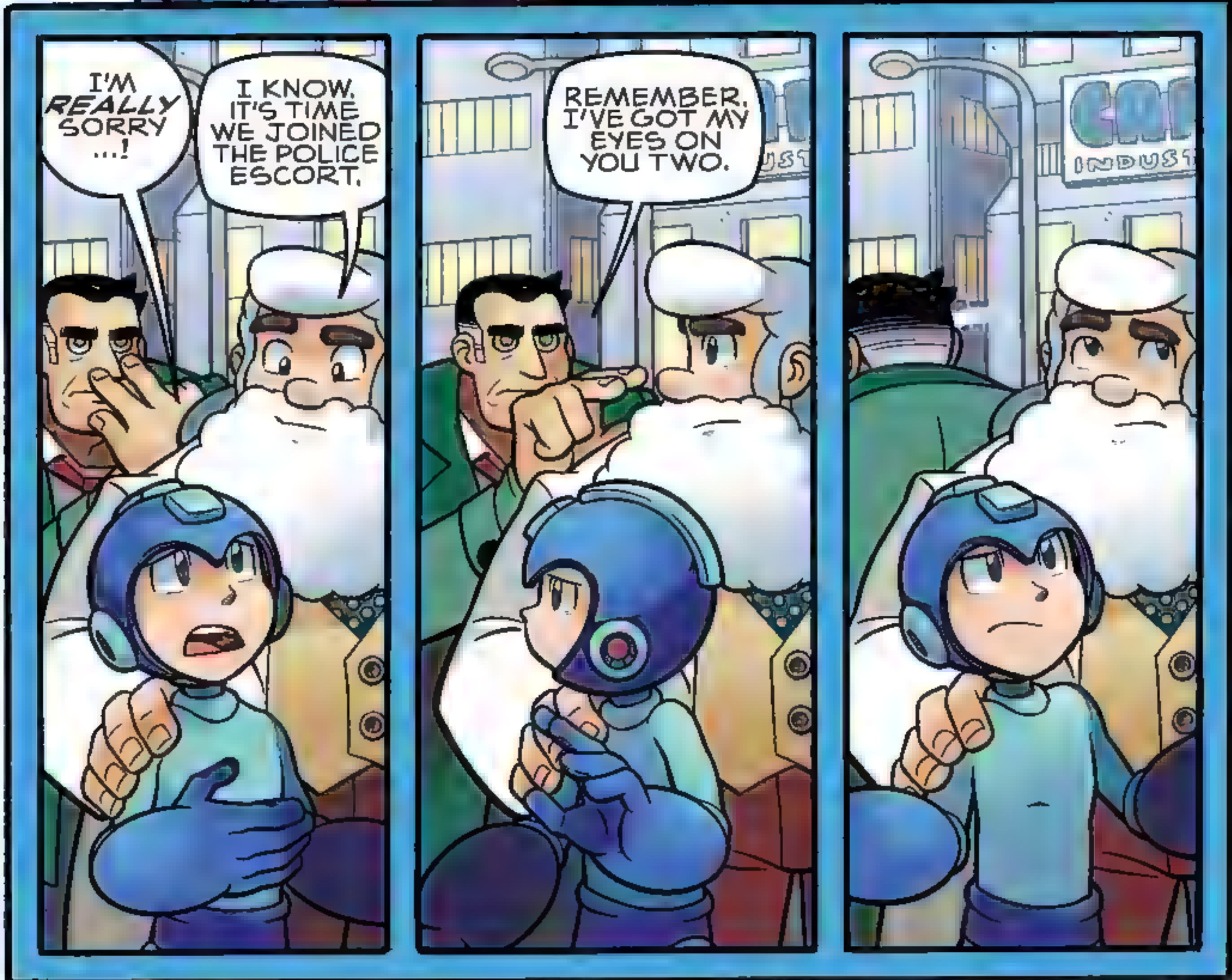
NO!  
WAIT!  
ROLL!  
COME  
ON!



DR. LIGHT!  
DR. LIGHT! ROCK  
AND THE ROBOT  
MASTERS ARE  
PLAYING TOO  
ROUGH! I TOLD  
THEM TO STOP,  
BUT THEY DIDN'T,  
AND THEY SET  
MY HAIR ON  
FIRE!

WE WERE  
JUST TRYING  
TO INCLUDE HER,  
AND IT WAS A  
SMALL FIRE!



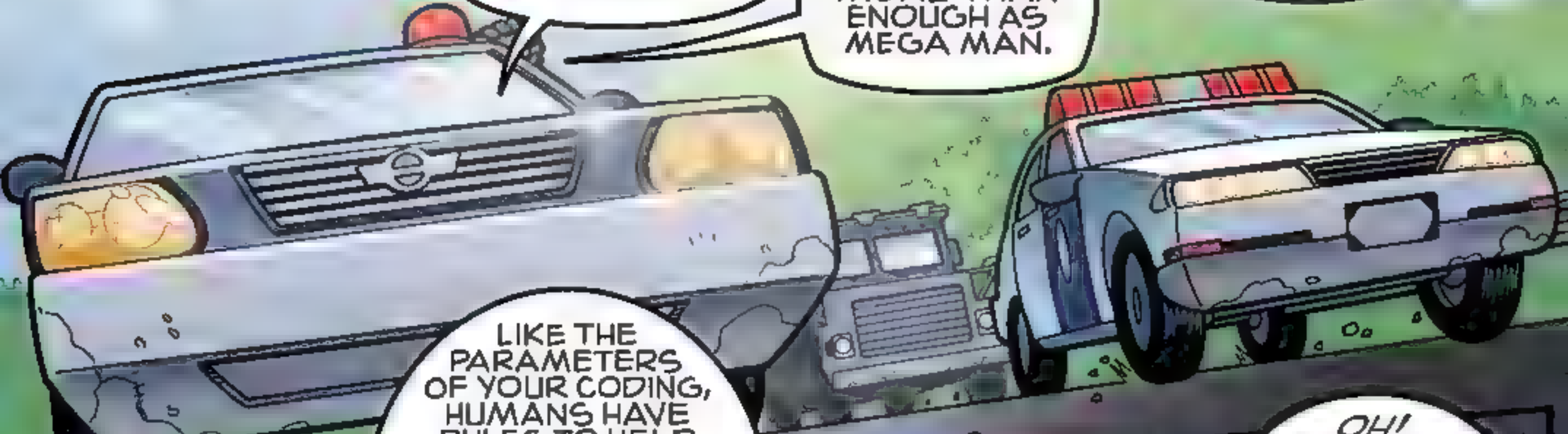




SO AFTER WE HELP MOVE DR. WILY FROM THIS PRISON TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY, I CAN GO BACK TO BEING ROCK?

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH AS MEGA MAN.

SO... WHY ARE WE TAKING DR. WILY TO THE NEW PRISON? WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO HIM?



LIKE THE PARAMETERS OF YOUR CODING, HUMANS HAVE RULES TO HELP MAKE THEIR SOCIETY FUNCTION. WHEN YOU BREAK THE BIG RULES, YOU ARE PUT IN PRISON. IN ALBERT'S CASE, HE'LL BE HELD THERE FOR A LONG TIME.

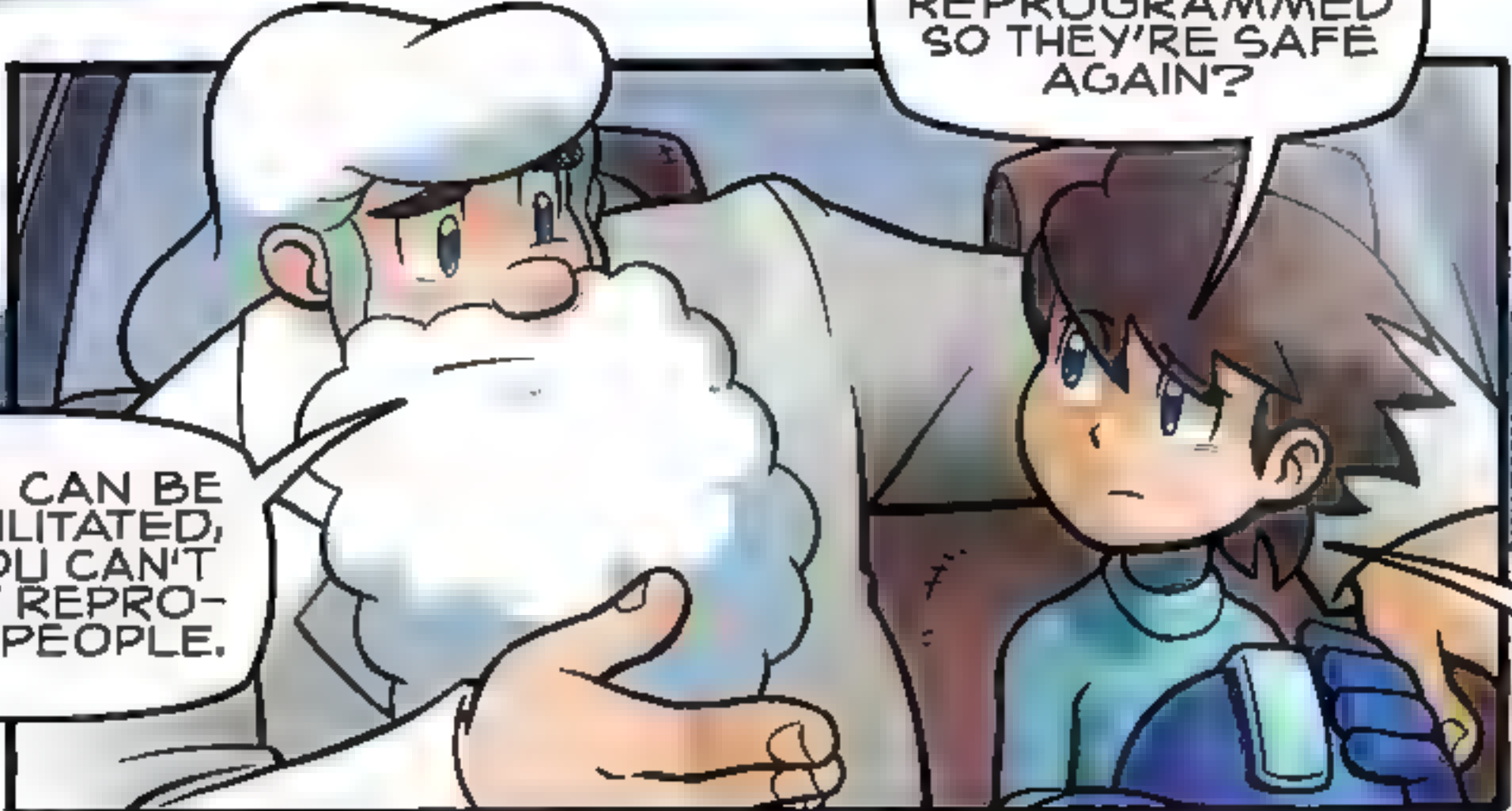
OH! SO IT'S A PLACE FOR LOCALIZED ERRORS!



WELL... SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YES.

DO THE PEOPLE IN PRISON GET REPROGRAMMED SO THEY'RE SAFE AGAIN?

SOME CAN BE REHABILITATED, BUT YOU CAN'T SIMPLY REPROGRAM PEOPLE.



OH, THAT'S TOO BAD.





QUITE THE OPPOSITE. OUR FREE WILL ALLOWS US TO DREAM, TO INNOVATE, AND TO ASPIRE TO CREATE THINGS GREATER THAN OUR INDIVIDUAL SELVES. IT'S A FREEDOM UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.



I... AND THE ROBOT MASTERS... CAN MAKE CHOICES. DOES THAT MEAN WE HAVE FREE WILL LIKE HUMANS?



I'M AFRAID NOT, MY BOY.

OH...

YOU'RE ALL AUTONOMOUS AND CAPABLE OF A WIDE RANGE OF HUMAN-LIKE EMOTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING ABILITIES, BUT YOU'RE ALL STILL RULED BY YOUR CODING.

ONE DAY, THOUGH, I HOPE TO CAPTURE THAT *X-FACTOR* AND BUILD A ROBOT WITH A TRUE FREE WILL OF ITS OWN...





HERE WE ARE.



...WILL BE TAKING YOU INTO FEDERAL CUSTODY. YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A FEDERAL PENAL FACILITY WHERE YOU WILL AWAIT TRIAL FOR YOUR CRIMES. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

FINE. WHAT-EVER.



AH! THOMAS! AND YOUR LITTLE HELPER ROBOT. THEY'RE REALLY PUTTING ON QUITE THE SHOW TODAY!

MAKE THIS EASY ON YOURSELF, ALBERT. PLEASE COOPERATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES.



THE ONLY AUTHORITY I CARE ABOUT IS MY OWN!



AND I'LL DEMONSTRATE HOW TO PUT ON A REAL SHOW...



LATER,  
EN ROUTE...

**POW!  
POW!  
POW!**

**POW!  
POW!**

**EEEEERRRT!**

**BLAM!**

**BLAM!**

**BLAM!**

**BLAM!**

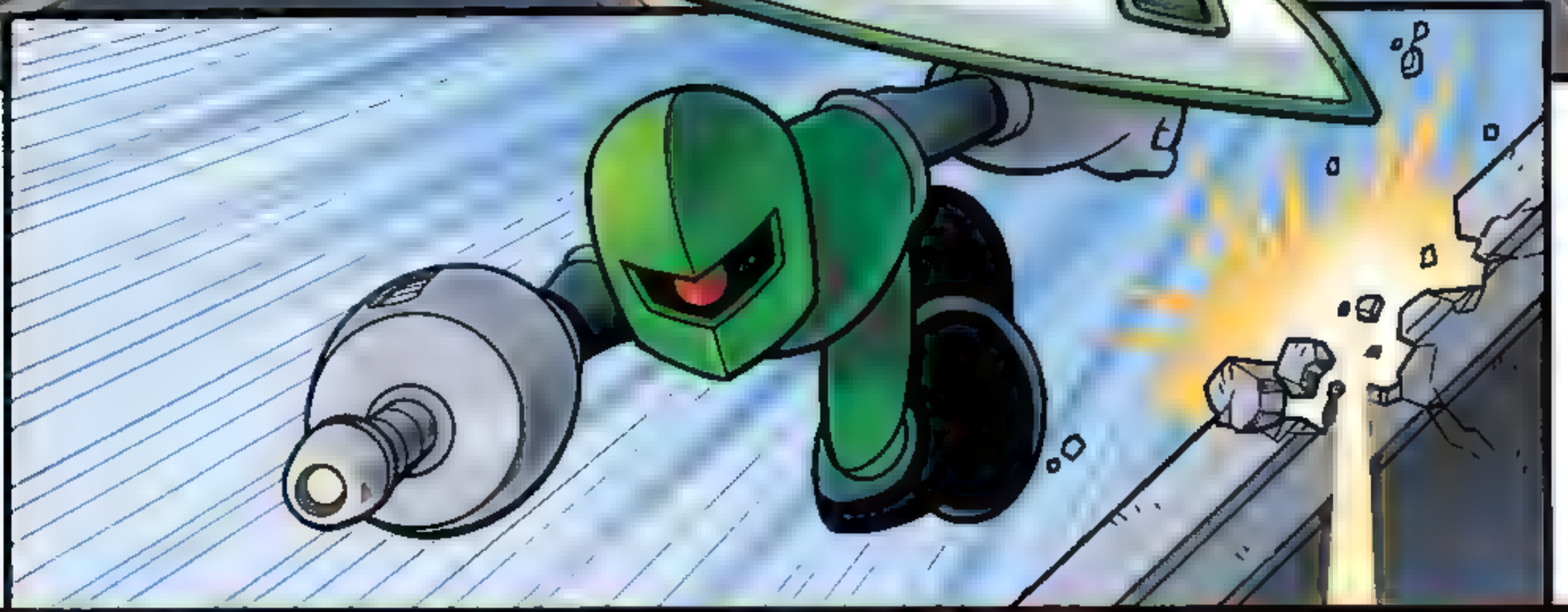




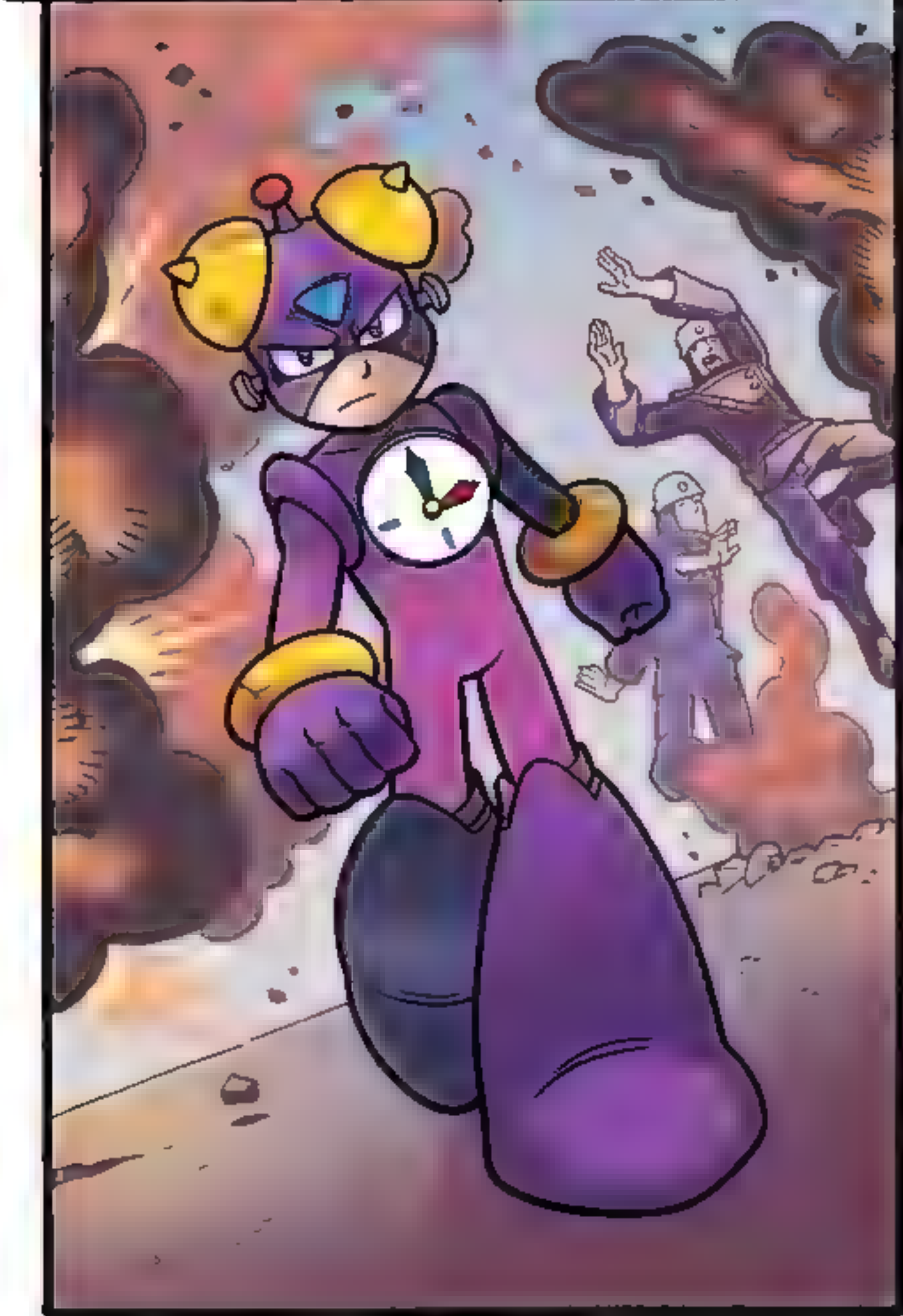
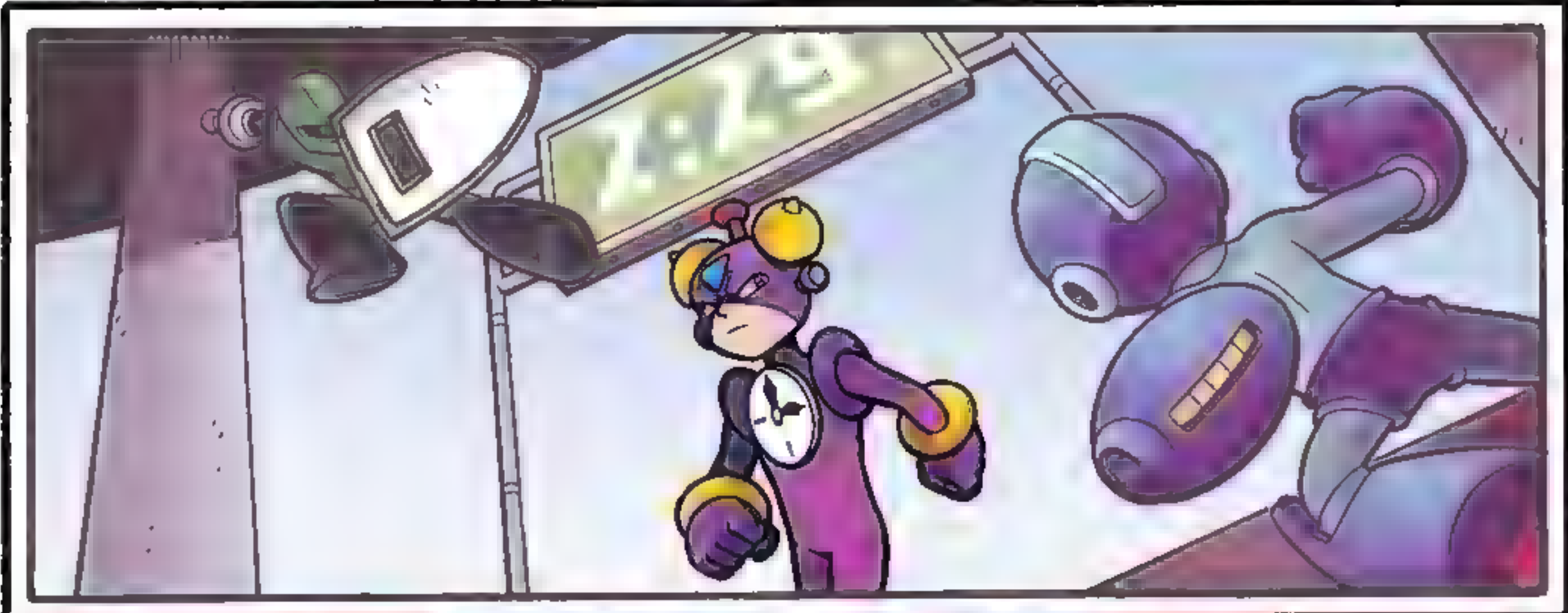
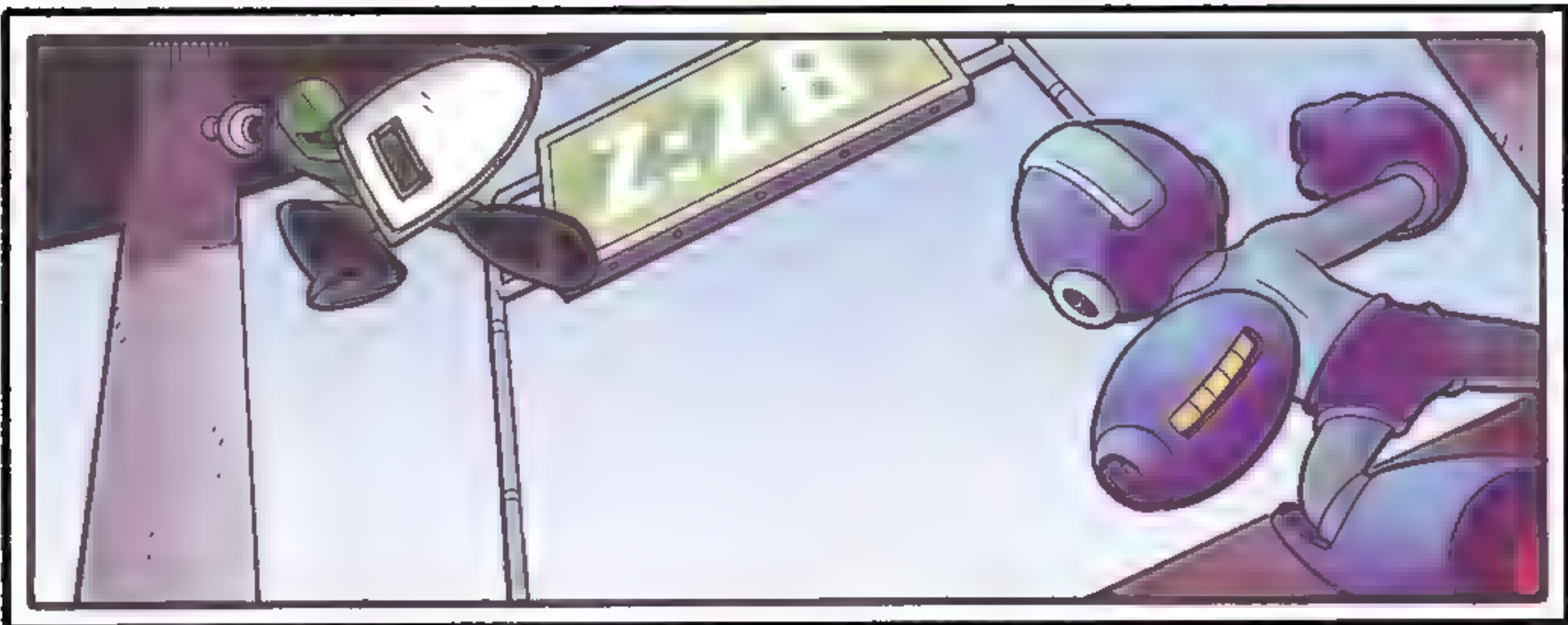
A SNIPER  
JOE? HOW MANY  
DID ALBERT  
CONFISCATE?

DON'T  
WORRY!  
I'LL  
HANDLE  
IT!

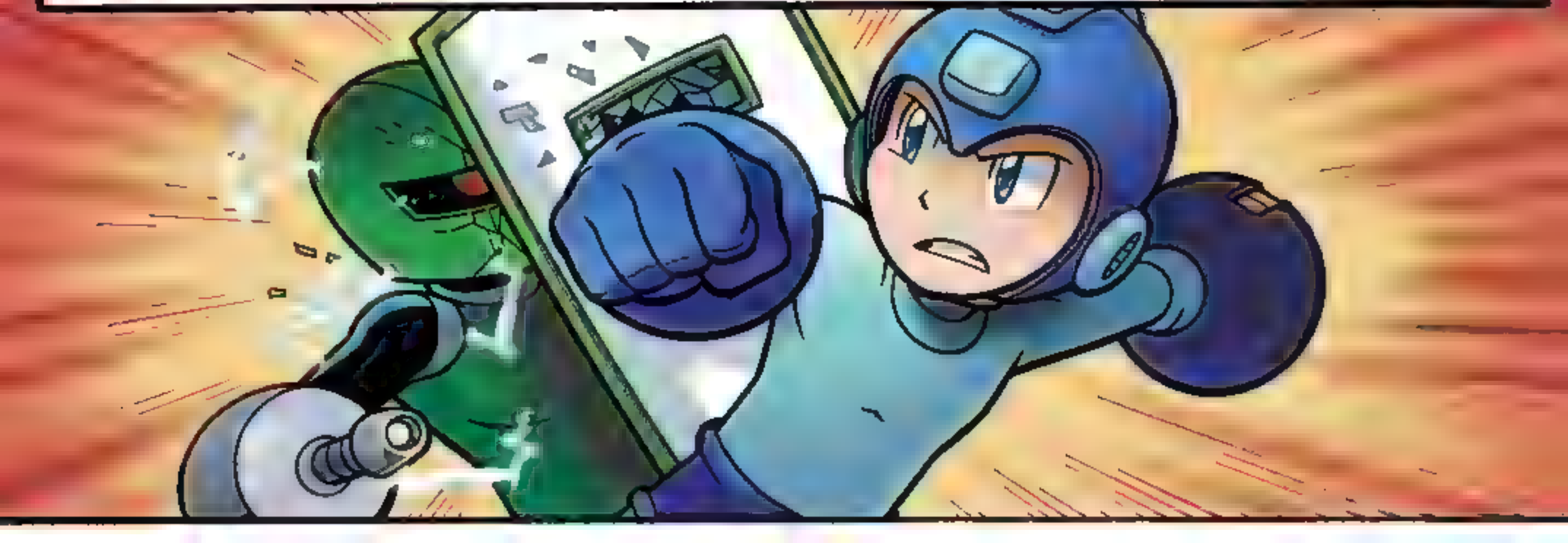
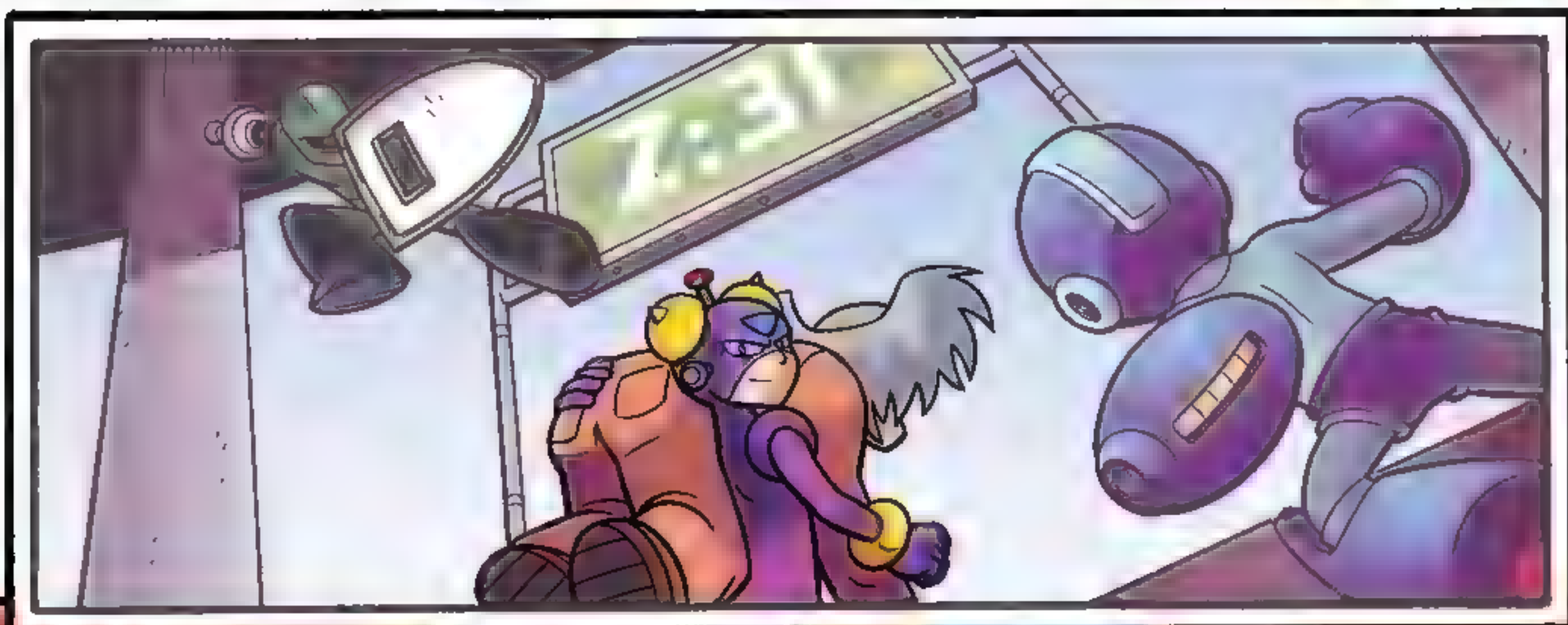
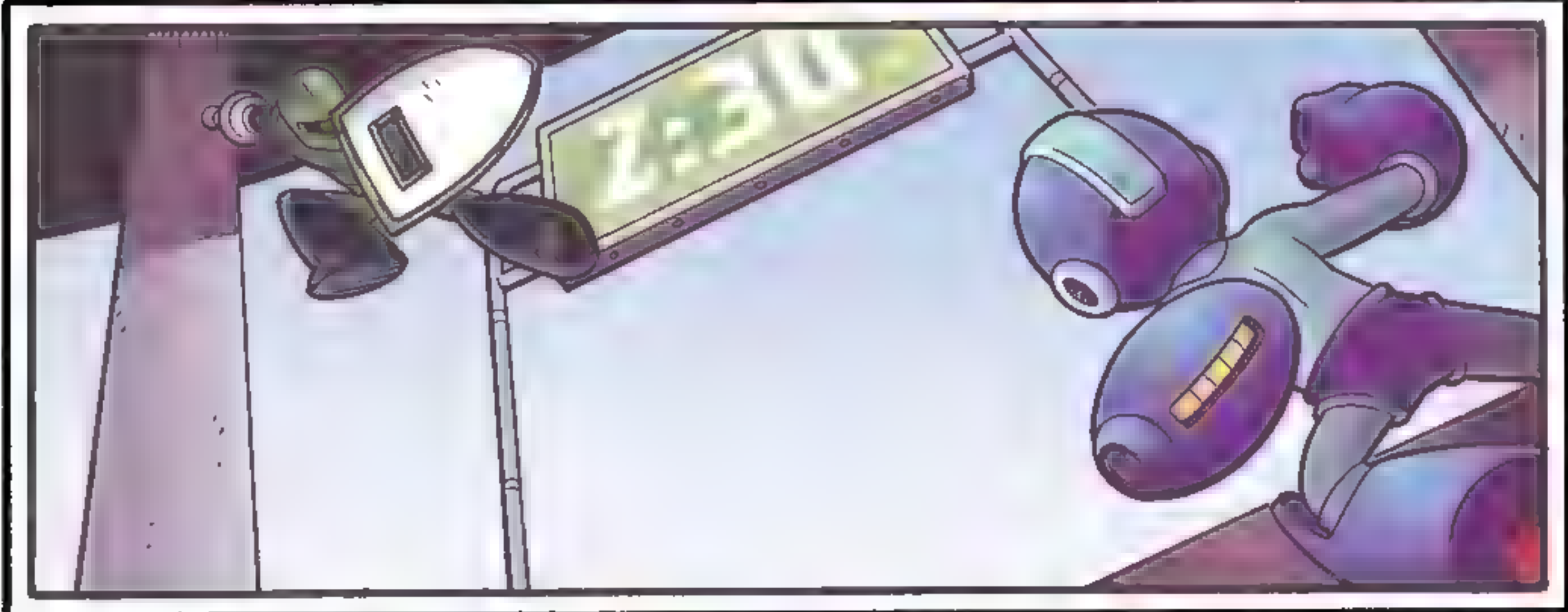
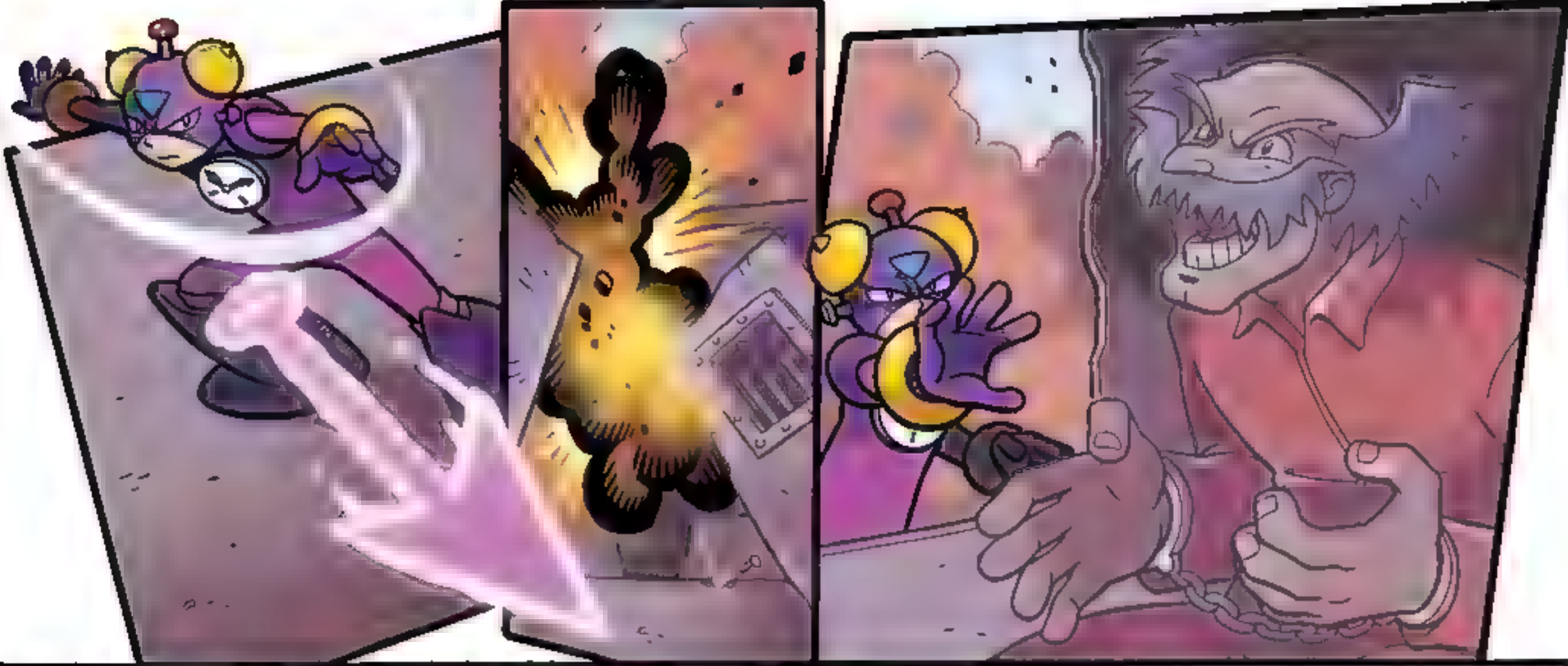
HEY!  
PICK ON  
SOMEONE  
YOUR OWN  
FIRE-  
POWER-  
SIZE!



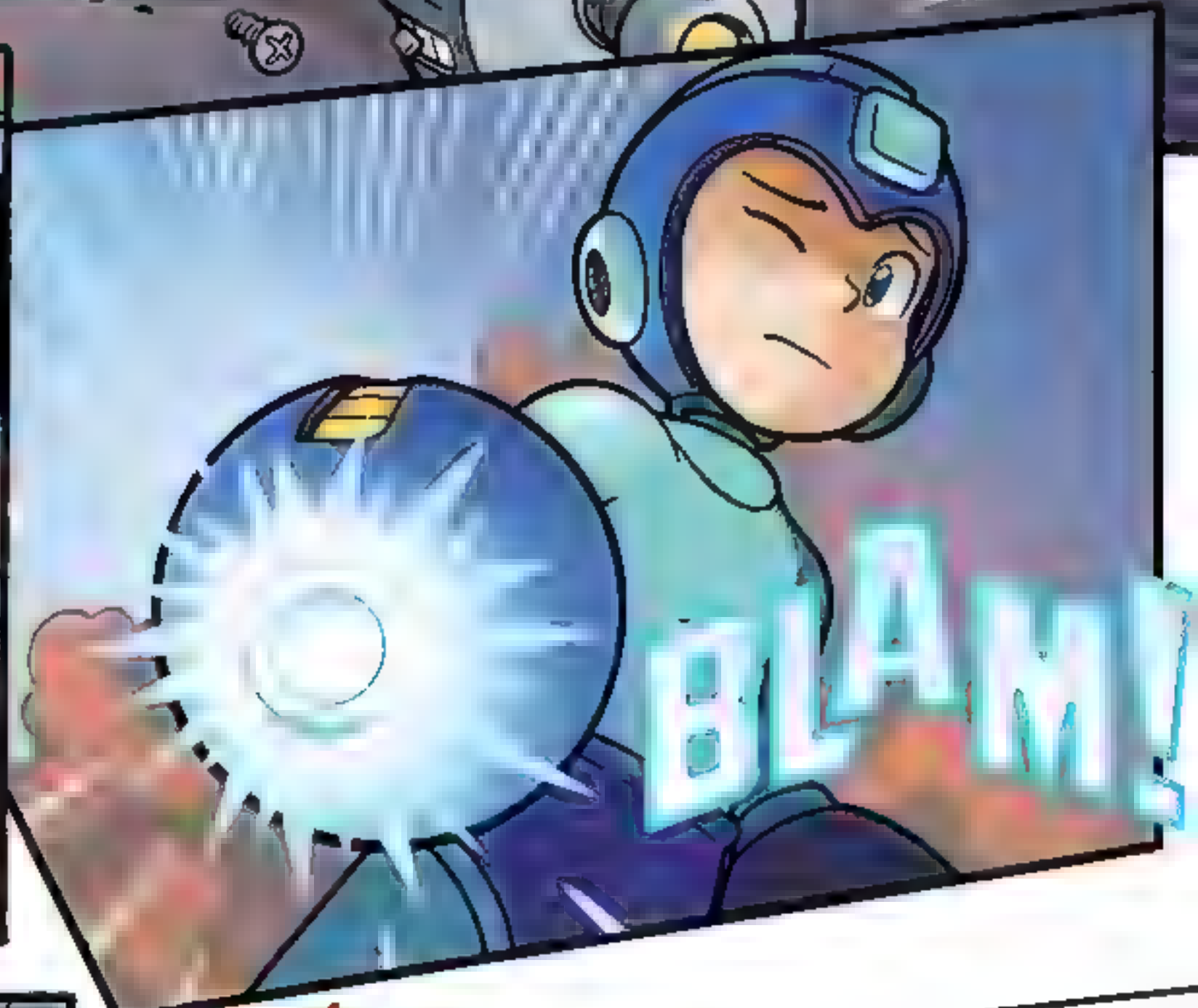
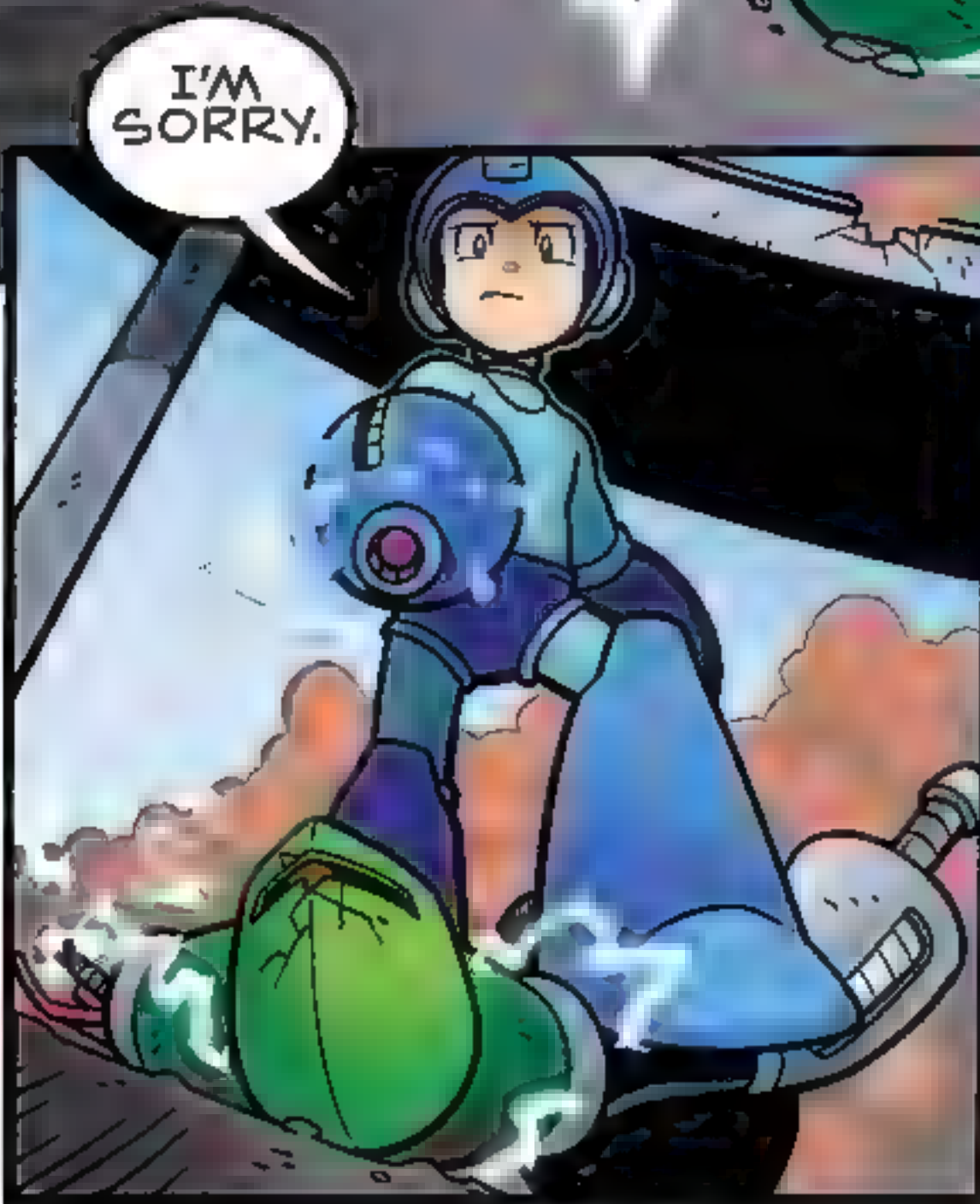




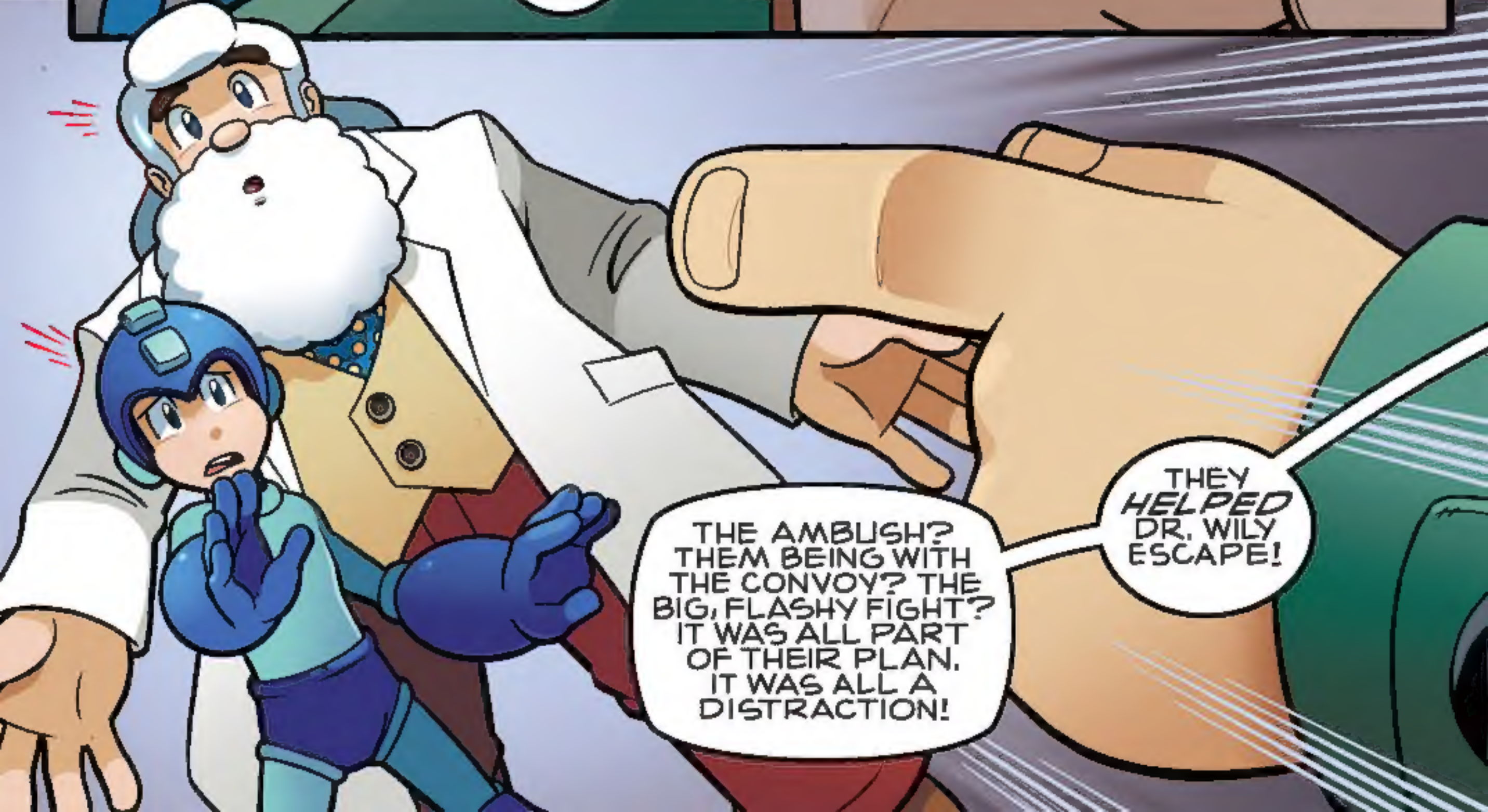














MEANWHILE, AT LIGHT LABS...

... AND THEY CAN HAVE THEIR STUPID, DIRTY PIT. I'D RATHER STAY IN THE LAB, ANYWAY.

THAT'S WHERE *REAL* SCIENCE AND ROBOTICS GET DONE! AND WHEN ROCK GETS HOME, I'LL GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY--

SQUEAK

WHA... OIL? DID I RUPTURE A JOINT?

SORRY ABOUT THAT, CUTIE. IT'S KINDA MY CALLING CARD.

D-DO I KNOW Y-YOU?



AW, BIG  
DADDY LIGHT  
NEVER SHOWED  
YOU MY FILE? NO  
MATTER, SWEET  
THING.

YOU  
CAN JUST  
COME ALONG  
QUIETLY, OR I  
CAN TAKE YOU  
TO DR. WILY  
IN *PIECES*.

**DOCTOR WILY IS ON THE LOOSE!**  
MEGA MAN HAS BEEN  
*FRAMED!* TWO NEW *ROBOT*  
*MASTERS* ARE OUT CAUSING  
*TROUBLE!*  
THE ADVENTURE GETS  
MORE HEATED  
*NEXT TIME!*



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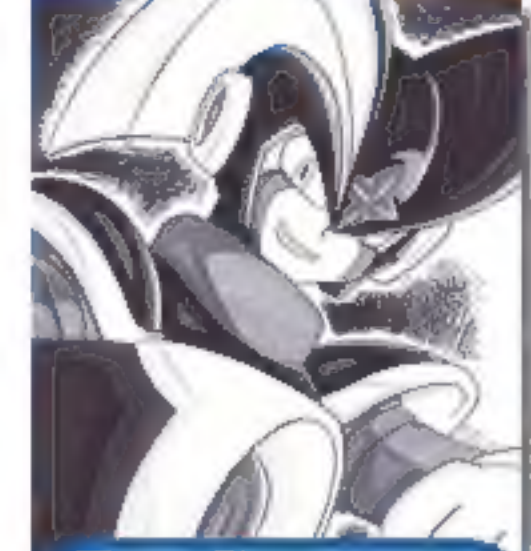


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